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Title: METHOD OF, AND SIGNALLING SYSTEM FOR, TRANSFERRING DATA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the primary station acknowledges negatively if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised by a secondary station intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals.

5. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised by a secondary signalling a request for a change of category to the primary station.

7. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that each of the categories comprise a common operating characteristic.

10. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the primary and secondary stations operate on a single frequency channel.

11. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the primary station has means for transmitting a negative acknowledgement if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category.

12. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised by a secondary station having means for intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals.

13. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised by a secondary signalling having means for transmitting a request for a change of category to the primary station.

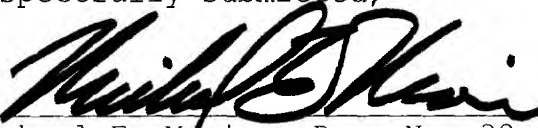
REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

3. A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that the primary station acknowledges negatively if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterised by a secondary station intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals.

5. A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterised by a secondary signalling a request for a change of category to the primary station.

7. A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterised in that each of the categories comprise a common operating characteristic.

10. A system as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised in that the primary and secondary stations operate on a single frequency channel.

11. A system as claimed in claim 8, ~~9 or 10~~ characterised in that the primary station has means for transmitting a negative acknowledgement if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category.

12. A system as claimed in ~~anyone of claims 8, to 11~~ claim 8,
characterised by a secondary station having means for
intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals.

13. A system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8 to 12~~ claim 8,
characterised by a secondary signalling having means for
transmitting a request for a change of category to the primary
station.

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